

State Interagency Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Thurston County Fairgrounds
3054 Carpenter Road SE
Olympia, Washington 98503

Attendance:

Members

Jane Campbell, King County DD County Human Services
Charles Cowan, MD, Service Provider Physician
Commander Victoria Crescenzi, MD, Military
Steven Finch, Service Provider, School District
Kathy Fortner, Service Provider, Neurodevelopmental Center
Amy Kocher, Parent
Dennis Mathews, Service Provider, Education
Maria Nardella, Department of Health
Diane Patterson, Service Provider, Public Health
Bonnie Sandahl, SICC Chair
Kristine Slentz, Personnel Preparation, Higher Education
Janet Spybrook, Personnel Preparation
Tiffany Wheeler-Thompson, Parent
Dawn Williams, Head Start Agency
Dani Wykes, Parent
Linda Rolfe, DDD Director, DSHS/Lead Agency
Sharon Reddick, DSHS/Health and Recovery Services Administration (Medicaid)
Robin McIlvaine, DSHS/Children's Mental Health
Lisa LaRue, Department of Early Learning, Child Care
Kevin Nathan, Department of Services for the Blind

Members Unable to Attend

Sheila Ammons, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Molly Chavez, Washington Migrant Council
René Denman, Parent
Representative Mary Lou Dickerson, Legislature
Melinda Dyer, OSPI/Education of Homeless Children and Youth
Sarah Fader, Parent
Alan Garrels, Department of Services for the Blind
Marijean Holland, Office of Insurance Commissioner
Christine Johnson, Service Provider, Head Start
Michael Luque, DSHS/Children's Administration (Foster Care)
Marie Preftes Arenz, Parent

Others Attending

Angie Ahn-Lee, Snohomish County ITEIP
Jena Lavik, FLIC
Cassie Johnston, Washington PAVE, Parent Participation Coordinator
Cecile Lindquist, Chair of Public Policy
Chris Morris, South Sound Parent to Parent
Rayna Austin, Lewis County ITEIP
Suzanne Quigley, Listen and Talk
Kerianne Christie, FLIC
Debbie Jackson, PAVE
Janie Nelson-Clark, Concerned Citizens
Rachael Watters, Spokane Regional Health District
Kelly Miller, Grays Harbor ITEIP
Candy Watkins, A Step Ahead
Patricia McConaughy, Clark County
Athena Elrod, Pierce County

Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program Staff Who Participated

Karen Walker, Acting Program Director
Kathy Blodgett, Program Consultant
Wayne Vrona, Program Consultant
Linda Jennings, Program Support
Ann Bariekman, Program Support

BUSINESS MEETING

I. Introductions/Announcements:

Chair Bonnie Sandahl called the meeting to order. She asked the Council to make introductions. Introductions were also made of the visitors attending.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion: A motion was made to accept the January 21, 2010 agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion: A motion was made to accept the proposed 2010 SICCC Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded and passed.

II. Update - ITEIP move to DEL

Cecile Lindquist spoke on the legislative status of the DEL/ITEIP move and its progress. The most current legislation is House Bill 2741, which is in the packets.

Working on amending DSHS Advisory Council (PP3-Ln10-B-3.

Mary Lou Dickerson wants an ITEIP name change. Wants name changed to Birth to Three Program.

Karen addressed council member concerns that language in bill does not reference SICC. Additional discussion on representation of SICC within DEL is needed.

Twin bill in Senate – Bill #6943, sponsor is legislator Claudia Kaufman. House Bill will be heard in House by Ruth Kagi. Possible hearing next week.

III. Early Learning Council Representative

Recommendations that we have representation at Advisory Council were unanimous. Governor has requested that DEL apply for some ARRA dollars to apply to coordination/linkages.

Recommendation also made that interested stakeholders should sit on council to present issues to department and service provider.

IV. Association of County Human Services

Jane Campbell reported that she's working to bring all DDD services into alignment, while maintaining partnerships and support to ITEIP.

Jane Campbell has resigned her position with King County. She is moving to Pennsylvania to become the Executive Director of the Snyder Union Mifflin (Counties) Child Development Center (SUMCD). Jane will also be closer to family in the area.

Public Policy Committee asked for statement of support from the Association of County Human Services for the move for ITEIP from DSHS to DEL.

DDD needs to fully align its eligibility criteria with ITEIP eligibility criteria. ITEIP is working with Linda Lunsford to align both program's eligibility criteria.

V. Annual Performance Plan/Data

Karen reported on the Annual Performance Report (APR) that will be submitted to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). She gave an overview and facilitated a rigorous discussion. All 14 (compliance and performance) targets were discussed. ITEIP continued to be determined to "need assistance" for the 3rd year. Examples were given of what's needed to "meet requirements". LLAs have made good progress towards meeting requirements.

Over the past three years, ITEIP has been collecting child outcome data on children entering and exiting the program. Child outcome targets were established for this APR after reviewing past entry and exit data. It will be several years before child outcome trend data will be available for review and analysis.

Through discussion, Council members gave feedback to include and/or modify the discussion portions of the various indicators. Additional feedback regarding the APR, must be sent to Karen by Monday, February 25, 2010.

VI. Committee Reports

Family Leadership and Involvement Committee (FLIC), Amy Kocher

Multi-presentations given at last meeting:

- FRC Training Contract -- Mary Perkins/Carol Hall presented on FRC training contract and identified improvements made to the curriculum over the past year. Increased parent input and involvement will continue to occur
- Susan Atkins – Parent 2 Parent state coordination
- Ginger Kwan – Open Doors for multi-cultural

Funding Committee, Steve Finch

Had a telephone meeting in November and discussed the budget for local lead agencies.

Personnel and Training Committee, Kristine Slentz

- Met and reviewed priorities
- Looking to add new members
- Reviewed Federal Application for personal development
- Look at pre-service endorsement for teachers – review and make recommendations
- Pursue strategies for OT/PT/SLP for improving shortages.

Public Policy Committee, Cecile Lindquist

- Hearing on moving ITEIP to the Department of Early Learning will be January 28th for HB 2741 at 8:00 a.m., Early Learning Committee (O'Brien Bldg.). The hearing for the Senate will be on January 27th at 8:00 a.m. in the Cherbourg Bldg.
- House Joint Memorial to increase funding of IDEA, Part B and C.
- Dr. Cowan gave a report on the State Autism Task Force, included information on early diagnosis and community knowledge
- Public Policy Committee and FLIC are working with County Interagency Coordinating Councils to coordinate public policy issues and advocacy to enhance early intervention.
- The committee continues to work on these goals:
 - DDD/Part C eligibility alignment
 - Statewide accessibility to Medicaid billing
 - OSPI recommended indirect rates for districts contracting for service

VII. Agency Updates

Maria Nardella – Department of Health:

- Ongoing State Budget Reductions
- H1N1 – Reminder to get your flu shot!
- Epilepsy Care Organizer – The federal grant is working to improve services for children with epilepsy with materials to help families organize the information they receive about their children's care.
- Birth Defects Surveillance Grant Opportunity – have submitted a grant proposal that would improve the electronic reporting of birth defects from hospitals to DOH over a 5-year period. The grant would provide \$200,000 per year, if funded.
- Autism Awareness: Partnership for Change Grant Update
 - Holding quarterly advisory council meetings
 - Piloting Community Asset Mapping Project in Walla Walla and Lewis Counties
 - Beginning Hispanic and Chinese community outreach to parents
 - Created an evolving master plan for 2010 training and resource fairs opportunities that DOH is pursuing
 - Creating fact sheets on policy issues of interest to the Council
 - Developing plans for a multi-disciplinary Autism Diagnosis Team Summit for next summer
 - Stakeholder meeting held for agencies/organizations interested in universal developmental screening issues
 - Contracted with Autism Society of WA to create web pages that will hold autism trainings information from across the state
 - Working with Easter Seals and Safeway to help the UW Autism Center conduct autism screening and training events in Pierce, Spokane and Benton-Franklin counties.

Lisa LaRue – Department of Early Learning:

- The move of ITEIP to DEL is a good fit to enhance and streamline programs offered to our youngest learners.
- DEL has had a large budget reduction – five staff reduced over the last year.
- No loss in ECEAP staff or slots
- DEL has applied for ARRA funding to support the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)
- All Start Program – Governor Gregoire's early learning proposal to create an "All Start" program that enhances access to quality preschool opportunities. This proposal will give all Washington's youngest learners a solid start on their education path. DEL will establish certification requirements for preschools with the use of expertise of early learning educators, parents and constituents.
- The Early Learning Partnership between DEL, OSPI, and Thrive by Five Washington now has information available on the DEL website at:
www.del.wa.gov/partnerships/joint/

Linda Rolfe – Division of Developmental Disabilities:

- Additional reductions are required in county services for adults
 - Note: This did not happen. The Division actually received more money for county services. Every transition graduate for this biennium was funded for employment services.
- Additional reductions are also required in the Division. The state currently has a hiring and equipment freeze.
- The Division is looking at options, while keeping services intact.
- Nearly all of DD budget is matched with federal dollars.

Karen Walker – Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program:

- Staffing Updates
 - Kitty Winkley, Fiscal Manager has retired. Tina Beckmann is our new Fiscal Manager.
 - Bob Morris is the ARRA Data Systems Consultant – he comes to ITEIP from DDD.
 - Kristie Eng is assisting with ARRA contracts.
 - Ann Bariekman will be helping to cover SICC and ARRA.
 - Diana Diaz is our new Fiscal Analyst
 - Linda Jennings is managing the ARRA contracts.
- ITEIP is working on a statewide system redesign
 - Develop a cost study
 - Develop a new Data Management System
 - Support the development of meaningful and functional assessments and IFSP process
 - Provide training at Local Lead Agency meetings
 - Continue to receive technical assistance through the Western Regional Resource Center (WRRC) and the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC)
- Sheri L. Hill, PhD, MEd, CCC-SLP will be working with us on integrating an infant mental health perspective into Part C early intervention. She will be participate in local lead agency and other meetings..
- Attended symposium on Science and Early Childhood that had the focused on early brain development, brain science and foster care. Governor Gregoire opened the symposium. There were attendees from seven other states. Dr. Patricia Kuhl from U of W, was a speaker. DSHS Secretary Dreyfus was also there along with Bette Hyde and other state agency representatives.

VIII. Emerging Issues/Other Topics

- Dr. Sheri Hill, Infant Mental Health presentation
- Public Policy – Legislative Update

Meeting adjourned.

Next SICC Meeting Date:

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8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with a working lunch

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